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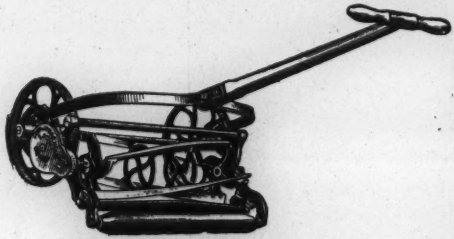


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Editorials.

THE *Keystone's* subscribers will note that this is the August-September number of our publication. Other Club journals suspend their publication during July, August and September; the *Keystone* for the past six years has appeared regularly every month in the year. This year the Editors are taking a summer vacation in Europe, and to accomplish this end they have been obliged to consolidate two month's issue into one. It is our hope that the rest and inspiration which will come to us from such a vacation will make us more valuable to the *Keystone* and its subscribers.

To our advertisers we make assurance that our contracts will be filled out to the agreed limit of insertions. The address of the Editors remains the same during the summer months, and all mail addressed to the *Keystone* will receive prompt attention, as the Editors have made arrangements for these matters.

THE long summer days are creeping upon us, the season of rest and "let up" from the busy routine of the cooler months, is here. Every woman owes it to herself and her family to see to it that some sort of rest comes to her during the summer time. This rest may not always be attained through absolute idleness but it must be attended by a peace of mind and spirit which will come from a determination to seek a wise spiritual outlook in the world. Let us all strive to cultivate in these quiet summer days a habit of patience, a lonely, quiet patience which realizes that the best intellectual, moral and physical life comes through a period of rest and serenity. "*Laissez faire*" is not a good motto for all the year round, but for one month in the summer it would exert a very beneficial influence on many lives. We need not fear we cannot pick up the threads again; the violin is just as sweet after the strings are tuned up again; the grasp is quite as strong for having been relaxed a while. If we would be useful members of society and the home we will not keep hold of everything at maximum pressure. The ebb and flow of the tide is one of the great laws of nature, and one which may be wisely applied to many of our labors and occupations. Let every busy, over-burdened woman who has been combatting difficulties, planning expediences and engineering large propositions during the past months learn now, this month of August, the art of "letting go" for a while. The brisk fall days will come all too soon, but they will be the happier for us all if in the summer time we learn the philosophy of rest.

WOMAN'S work in philanthropy has always been accepted as a matter of course. Scientific philanthropy however is now beginning to be her recognized field of endeavor.

The women doctors of New Orleans have organized and opened an infirmary and a free clinic and dispensary for women and children. Is there any more noble field for usefulness on woman's part than this?

I AM sending remittance in order that your welcome magazine may come to me for another year, for I should miss it very much. * * * I do hope that one result of our delightful Convention (Goldsboro) will be increased interest on the part of our club women in our official organ (*The Keystone*) which will mean more news for us and more subscribers for you. With cordial good wishes, etc. * * *

Sincerely yours,

(MRS. HUGH) LOUISE T. MURRILL.

Charlotte, N. C., May 22nd, 1905.

SOUTHERN women should be interested in all developments in agriculture, for so many of them pass their lives in agricultural communities where, by the way, they exert an important influence on the actions and opinions of their neighborhoods. The Southern woman in the country has a much greater opportunity for wielding a directing influence on her community's life than her city sister, for a strong personality in the simpler life of the rural district stamps itself much more indelibly upon the lives of its neighbors. The real isolation of life is found in the crowded city, not in the small town,— the plantation house or the tiny hamlet. Therefore, with this large opportunity for influence comes a grave responsibility for service along all lines of Civic, industrial and social betterment.

The secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Wilson, has been having wonderful success in his experiments in the South along such agricultural lines as would interest Southern women. In the past few years, through his direction, it has been proven that a first class vanilla bean can be grown in Miami, Florida, under such conditions as to make its culture a commercial possibility; he has also demonstrated that the poppy may be successfully grown in the South, and has completed the work on this plant by finding a way of getting morphine from it without first making it into opium, and finally he has made it evident to all interested that the camphor tree will grow and flourish in our Southern States. All these articles are handled in woman's domain and she may easily be the inspiration in her family or neighborhood for a large and practical application of these experimental results. Plantation life develops executive ability in the Southern woman, and this ability she may use in the opening up of new industries and in the development of new crops to the material benefit of herself and her locality.

ANY practical suggestion which develops opportunities for women and opens up new avenues of usefulness for them is welcomed by *The Keystone*. Not long since, a woman prominent in women's organizations asked the editor: Why do not Southern women cultivate orris root; it is a perfume imported into this country at the rate of over 238,000 pounds a year, valued at over twenty-eight thousand dollars? From the 1898 year book of the Department of Agriculture, we learn that the culture of orris root is possible in the United States from Virginia southward. Will not some of the readers of *The Keystone* experiment with the culture of this plant and give our readers an account of its possibilities in a Southern garden. The Department of Agriculture at Washington has a pamphlet on "Can perfumery farming succeed in the United States?" which may be had on application. This little book is full of suggestions for the Southern woman gardener who can grow in such perfection the rose, the rose geranium, the orange, lavender, rosemary, thyme, violets, opoponax, tube rose and jasmine. Gardening is the fad of the season and the hour, and why not bottle up some of its sweets for the winter season?

The President of the Florida Division U. D. C., Mrs. H. E. Stockbridge, in a letter to a prominent U. D. C. in Florida, writes the following about the *Keystone*. She says:—

"In my letters during the past year I have written to every Chapter about the worth and importance of the *Keystone*. * * * I think besides individual subscriptions each Chapter should have an official copy to be read at regular meetings. This is what I have strongly urged. Let each Chapter pay for one copy of the *Keystone* as a legitimate expense. It is only in this way that we can keep in touch with the other Divisions. The numbers are so enjoyable!"

OFFICIAL CLUB NEWS.

For the State Federations of Women's Clubs of South Carolina, Mississippi, North Carolina and Florida.
(This Department is official, and will be continued monthly.)

SOUTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Address all communications for South Carolina to the Editor, The Keystone, Charleston, S. C., *Manager*.

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70 Clubs—2,700 Members.

The Keystone Reciprocity Bureau.

(The Reciprocity Bureau acknowledges the receipt of the following Year Books and programmes, any of which will be sent to Clubs on application, when accompanied by postage for mailing the same.)

Minutes of the Ninth and Tenth Annual Conventions of the Florida State Federation of Women's Clubs. 1904-'05.

Our Own Country—Over The Teacups Club, Rock Hill, S. C., 1903-1904.

Germany—Over The Teacups Club, Rock Hill, S. C., 1904-1905.

Shakespeare—The Kennedy Library Association, Spartanburg, S. C., 1904-1905.

Scotland and Ireland—Over The Tea Cups, Spartanburg, S. C., 1904-1905.

The Value of Beauty to a City—By F. Wellington Ruckstuhl. Bulletin No. 1. Publications of the Civic Improvement League, Columbia, S. C., 1904.

Outline of Household Economics Program for Women's Clubs—Prepared and published by the Inter-Municipal Committee on Household Research.

Masters in Music—Music Club, Claremont, N. H., 1904-1905. Sent by Mrs. M. M. Freeman, first chairman of Civics and Forestry of S. C. Federation, now living in Claremont.

American Literature—The Friday Afternoon Book Club, Greensboro, N. C.

Distinctly American Romance—Paper from Friday Afternoon Book Club, Greensboro, N. C.

The Netherlands—Selma Study Club, Selma, Ala. (Excellent.)

Renaissance in Italy—Selma Study Club, Selma, Ala.

Russia and Japan—Twentieth Century Club, 1905-05, Vicksburg, Miss.

MISSISSIPPI FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

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Corresponding Secretary—Miss Blanche Alexander, Kosciusko.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. R. J. Harding, Jackson, Miss
28 Clubs.

REPORT OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE:—Prof. Beeson, of Meridian, has renewed his generous offer of a free scholarship for next year. Dr. T. W. Raymond, President of the Mississippi Synodical College, at Holly Springs, kindly offered a partial scholarship in his school. The Thursday Club, at that place, was given the privilege of selecting the pupil. Dr. Raymond writes encouragingly of her progress, and repeats his offer for next year.

Fifteen Clubs responded to the scholarship fund, and two individuals. Appropriations amounting to \$187.25.

Last year we had one girl in the College at Holly Springs, one with Prof. Beeson in East Mississippi College, one in Moffatt-McLaurin, and one, Miss Epsie Patterson, to graduate in the Industrial Institute and College.

MRS. WILLIE B. EZELL, Chairman of Education.

MRS. ADA M. McRAVEN.

REPORT OF MUSIC COMMITTEE:—It has been my privilege to serve the second term as State Chairman of the Music Committee.

Love for the Art, and an earnest desire to awaken interest in that line, have made the duties of the office a pleasure to me. I feel encouraged by answers received, and as the membership of Federation increases, I believe that music lovers throughout the State will take up the suggestions, and organize music clubs in proportion to literary and artistic culture. The following reports have been received:

Pontotoc Twentieth Century Club, combines music and literature; Holly Springs Thursday Club, includes several musical members on each program; Durant Music Club is composed mostly of associate members of the Woman's Club, and furnishes two members at each meeting; Meridian has a Music Club, but unfederated. Crystal Springs Floral Club includes music on each program, and is trying to interest their musicians to organize a music department. Friar's Point Twentieth Century Club is studying "The German Master Musician" in the Chautauqua Course, and each week gives a paper on Music. Vicksburg Twentieth Century Club will strive to have a place given to music on next year's program. Chamanade Club, a musical Club, Jackson, federated in 1903. A sketch of the life of the composer is given with each composition. "The Merry Musicians" of Jackson is a Club of 8 little girls, each under 13 years of age. Miss Effie Lee Galloway is organizer and president.

Expressing appreciation for courtesies received, I submit this report.

MARIE WILLIE HENRY,
Chairman of Music M. F. W. C.

MRS. ETTA ALLEN MILLS, one of the recently elected vice-presidents of the Mississippi Federation, was the moving spirit in the organization of the State Federation in 1898. At that time she was president of the Twentieth Century Club of Kosciusko.

Mrs. Mills has not been in active Club work for several years, and her return as president of the Crescite Club of McComb was cause of rejoicing to all interested in the progress of the movement. She was given a veritable ovation by the convention.

She is a native Mississippian, the capable daughter of a gifted mother and the favorite pupil of Dr. T. A. S. Adams. She attended the I. I. and C. at Columbus for several years, and graduated with distinction from Belmont College, Nashville, Tenn.

She was married to Mr. W. P. Mills, is the happy chataine of a pretty home and mother of two interesting children. The highest compliment that can be credited to woman we lay at her feet—viz., that she is primarily wife, mother and home-keeper, and out of her busy life finds time to keep abreast of the age.

MARY H. FLY.

MRS. DAVID MILTON MILLER, of Hazlehurst, Miss., who was elected Auditor of the Mississippi Federation of Women's Club at its last meeting in Jackson, Miss., is quite as well known throughout the State as Miss Georgie Nicholson.

She is the daughter of Chaplin Hedges and Margaret Walne Nicholson, of Durant, Miss. She entered Hillman College, Clinton, Miss., at an early age and graduated three years afterwards from that institution in Literature, Music and Expression. She received the honor of the Freshman, Sophomore and Junior Classes. After graduating she was a popular and efficient teacher in the Durant Public School for four years. She was one of the originators and leaders of the I. P. S., a social club for the young ladies of Durant.

In Dec. of 1897 she was married to Hon. D. M. Miller, of Hazlehurst, Miss., who is now the Circuit Judge of the 7th Miss. Judicial District.

She has in every way proved herself a successful homemaker. She is devoted to her two children and takes an active, sympathetic interest in the ambitions of her busy husband.

She takes great interest in flowers and has been most successful with chrysanthemums, having taken several prizes at the flower shows in the last few years. She is an active, enthusiastic worker in the Culture Club of Hazlehurst, one of the most progressive literary clubs in the State. She is eminently fitted for a State office in the Federation, being not only a natural leader but she is thoroughly familiar with all the departments of work in which the Federation seeks to operate.

ON April 22, 1905, a number of cultured women of McComb City met and organized a literary club, having for its object general culture of its members and civic improvement of the community.

The Club members, realizing that the State Federation was carrying on a great work, joined the Federation. The membership was limited to twenty active members. The year's work will be the Bay View course on France and Prussia, but until the regular work can be taken up in the fall the members remaining in the city meet and render interesting programs arranged by a program committee.

The greatest work undertaken by the Crescite Club at present is the formation of a Public Library, a much-needed institution in the city. The Club officers are: Mrs. Etta Allen Mills, pres; Mrs. Madge Quinn Fugler, v-pres; Mrs. Allie White Alford, rec. sec.; Mrs. Lillie Harris White, cor. sec.; Mrs. T. E. Stennis, treas.; Mrs. Mary A. Fly, parliamentarian.

M. Q. FUGLER.

MRS. C. L. ANDERSON received on June 23rd a fine traveling library sent by "The News-Scimitar" of Memphis, Tenn., as a gift to the Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs.

IN the thirty-two pages which comprise the June *American Boy* there is not a dull line; and both in variety and class of matter the paper is head and shoulders above any other periodical for boys. Among the many larger articles and stories which will delight the reader are: "Bunker Hill Day in Boston," a most suitable story for June; "The First Marathon Race," which gives the origin of this race which is now a part of important athletic meetings. "Animal-Devouring Plants" tells of the queer food that certain plants require.

Every department is loaded with the best of matter concerning boys' hobbies and pursuits. The boys will also be interested in the announcement regarding the celebration of American Boy Day at Portland, Ore.; Chautauqua, New York; Boston, Mass., and at Bedford, Pa., Lexington, N. C., San Francisco, Cal., Cairo, Ill., and other places. There are also special prize offers to boy poets. Subscription price \$1.00 a year. The Sprague Publishing Co., Detroit, Mich.

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Recording Secretary—Miss Margaret L. Gibson, Wilmington, N. C.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. J. Hill Parham, Henderson, N. C.
28 Clubs—750 Members.

AS supplementing the magnificent report of the Library Extension Department in the July *Keystone* the following items are timely.

WILMINGTON has five traveling libraries and one art collection. The ladies have established a circulating library also, maintained by the club women. They have also contributed an unabridged dictionary to one of the county schools; and the news just now comes that they have won the library offered by the merchants of Wilmington and contested for by various organizations of the city.

In Memoriam.

WHEREAS: It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from among us our much beloved and faithful worker, Miss E. Clayton Candler, of Winston-Salem, who for three years so efficiently served the women of her State as corresponding secretary of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs; be it

Resolved, That North Carolina has lost one of her most earnest and capable women, and that the Federated Clubs of the State have a vacant place which can never be filled.

Resolved, That our heartfelt sympathy be extended to the bereaved family, to whom a copy of these resolutions shall be sent.

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the *Charlotte Observer* and the *Raleigh News and Observer*, and that a copy be spread upon the minutes of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs.

MARGARET LOVELL GIBSON,
Recording Secretary.

MRS. J. T. ALDERMAN, President,
For the Executive Committee.

THE ART REPORT:—The work of the Art Committee is one of the really important works of the Federation, and yet it does not seem to appeal to the Clubs as it should do. It should go side by side with the Library Extension work. True, books bring far more pleasure and real good than pictures, and yet would those same books be enjoyed with equal intensity had not pictures already prepared the mind to appreciate them? The Clubs respond readily to the collection of books for the travelling libraries, why not respond with as much interest to the call for pictures!

We who can travel and have ever before us well illustrated volumes, cannot realize how our friends of the country are lacking in these blessings. The teachers in the country schools around Wilmington are enthusiastic in their praises of the pictures sent out from the Sorosis. The set of ninety pictures—which are of buildings and places from all parts of the world—has been of greatest help in illustrating lessons in geography and history. Copies were also sent of famous paintings, such as Landseer's animals, many of the Madonnas and instructive or pleasing fancy pictures. These have been used as wall decorations.

The Woman's Club of Charlotte, through Mrs. Reilley, reports much interest, the work there being carried on by the Educational Department of the Club. A well selected assortment of pictures of patriotic and historical subjects, also of birds and animals, has been collected and placed in the schools at Chadwick Mill, Belmont and Dilworth, and have brought the usual happy result.

Mrs. Eller reports that the Round Dozen Club of Winston has collected a number of Perry pictures and sent them out with the travelling libraries. They have also collected a number of small pictures, copies of the very best paintings, which will also reach the schools.

Mrs. Ansley reports from Statesville much interest in collecting pictures for the library. Fifteen unframed, colored pictures and two framed ones, besides a large picture of the Fifty-Third Congress, have been placed on the library walls. The last named picture could be obtained from any Senator or representative and would be equally suitable for schools. Books on art literature have been added to the library.

Miss McMaster's reports from the Art Club of Greensboro an exceedingly pleasant and helpful year in the study of French art. This Club last year gave fifteen volumes of art books to the City Public Library, and influenced the librarian to secure a good art magazine and several additional art books for the library. Several members of this Club are teachers and through them the Club is able to exert a considerable influence in the use and selection of good pictures in the schools.

These reports are encouraging but why not the same from each Club in the Federation? The work is of inestimable value and no Club can afford to overlook it. A great effort will be made during the coming year to give this department the place it should have in a Federation of this size.

MARGARET LOVELL GIBSON.

THE HENDERSON ALMA CLUB has determined upon its next year's work also. They will collect and frame or *passé partout* pictures suitable for school room decoration and begin the work of furnishing half dozen pictures for every public school in Vance County.

THE GREENSBORO ART CLUB has undertaken a most beautiful and interesting work for the coming year. This is the revival of a rural industry that may mean much to our women—the weaving of the blue and white bedspreads of our grandmothers. A woman who understands the designing and weaving of these spreads has been employed to teach young women the art, and these decorative and useful articles may soon be offered to those of us who have long desired to possess one or more, but have vainly tried to induce more fortunate ones to part from their treasured heirlooms.

THE TUESDAY CLUB, HENDERSON, now rejoices that every public school in Vance County has a library. The Club has turned over twenty-one cases of books to the County Supt. of Education, who keeps them in circulation. Thus the Club has solved, through this co-operation, the grandest problem that confronted them when they took up the work—that of transportation.

The Tuesday Club observed Reciprocity Day on May 23. The motto was:

“Had our great palace the capacity

To camp this host we would all sup together.”

There was a paper on “Departmental Work in the State Federation,” a talk on the Biennial and a sketch of the *Keystone*; also a *resumé* of Club work by the retiring president.

The celebration of Reciprocity Day was made a permanent one, and the committee on program instructed to arrange for it at the last meeting of every year.

THE CHARLOTTE WOMAN'S CLUB celebrated Reciprocity Day most satisfactorily at one of their meetings in May with the following program: An address from the President, Mrs. H. A. Murrill; reports from the other officers, and chairmen of the departments of literature, education, and domestic science; current events, a debate and music. The State Federation was recognized by the reading of a report of the North Carolina meeting at Goldsboro; and the General Federation by the reading of a paper, “What Women's Clubs can do for Civil Service Reform,” written by Mary Glennie of the Century Club, Charleston, S. C., and borrowed for this special occasion. This was an ideal way of celebrating the day and carried out the real reciprocity idea.

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Address all communications for Florida to Mrs. J. H. Reese, 430 Cedar Street, Jacksonville, Manager.

President—Mrs. Richard F. Adams, Palatka.
Recording Secretary—Miss Kathryn Thorp, Daytona.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss May J. Crosby, San Mateo.
(21 Clubs—800 Members.)

THE habit of going away for the summer has so firm a hold on the people that its effect is palpably felt on Club activity. Many of the Clubs in Florida attempt absolutely nothing during summer except it be accounted something to foster individually the Club spirit while lounging in the murmur of the sea or resting tranquilly beneath the shadow of the mountains.

It is a favorite failing which we of the human kind have to place exaggerated estimate upon that which appeals to the gracious side of the imagination, and to allow the pearls of possibility to slip through the fingers while grasping for the unattainable. To urge Club women, therefore, to nourish that intangible, invisible, indefinable entity herein de-

nominated Club spirit, during the length of the season when many of them are removed from the familiar center where they are wont to gather during the flourish of the Club season, may be regarded by many as a deal in flapdoodle, made merely for the sake of sound and space filling. However that may be, I would urge those Clubs which have not disbanded for the summer to outline some plan for work which is not dependent on closely co-operative action for success. A good illustration of what may be done on this line was demonstrated last year by the Jacksonville Club. Before summer adjournment a fair was planned for the early fall, and the work of preparing articles of fancy needlework, baskets, etc., for the coming event was assigned. Employment for the idle hours was provided, and upon the reassembling there was the prettiest array and assortment of hand-made things that it has ever been my pleasure to see devoted to such a purpose. The bazaar was the most successful event of the year, and the Club spirit has been kept beautifully green.

THE YEAR BOOK of the Woman's Club of Jacksonville for 1905-6 will show new plans for the work. This is a comprehensive one and offers a fine scope of study for the members of the Club. The literary department is sub-divided into five sections, each with a chairman under whose leadership work in the following lines of work will be conducted. Literature, art, music, science and current events. The members enroll their names under one or more of these departments, thus being able to select the work most congenial to them, and give as much or as little time to Club work as desired. The meetings of each department are carried on separately from the semi-monthly meetings of the Club, and material for the year's program is drawn from the work of these departments. This Club has also furnished a room at St. Luke's hospital which will be sustained at the Club's expense.

REQUESTS HAVE come from the chairman of the information bureau lately established for data from each Club of the General Federation. This bureau will be practically the home office of the G. F. W. C., and each Club has a part in its making. In the true reciprocity idea it will have its share in the advantages of this great work. History Club organizations, all efforts along the lines of work of the General Federation, in fact whatever has been of value to your Club will prove of value and help as data. It is hoped that each State Club will contribute to the bureau of information, and in turn call on it for the valuable help and suggestions it may offer. By it the influence of the great organization of federated Clubs will be largely increased, and Club women in the North, South, East and West will be brought in closer touch. Communications should be sent to Mrs. Mary I. Wood, 12 Highland St., Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

AS STATE CORRESPONDENT of the *Keystone*, I beg each Club to send me monthly before the 18th, their Club notes, most particularly of their work on the lines vital to the progress of women's Clubs and the questions they support. There are a number of Clubs from which I have not heard, and from them I would appreciate a word.

No line of work is more alive and more real than civics, and as nine of the twenty Florida Clubs are village improvement associations there are no doubt many valuable and interesting suggestions they can offer and which would be gladly given space in the *Keystone*.

THE FLORIDA STATE Reciprocity Bureau has added this month's to its papers. "Work and Play at Chautauqua," Jacksonville Woman's Club: report of the Village Improvement Association of High Springs.

MRS. J. H. REESE.

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

President—Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker, 1550 Sherman Ave., Denver, Col.
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(Up-to-date notes.)

THE Executive Board of the West Virginia State Federation has arranged a very attractive program for the second meeting of that State Federation at Parkersburg, September 27 and 28.

THE ALABAMA STATE FEDERATION of Women's Clubs will hold its annual meeting in Birmingham early in November, at which time the question of membership in the General Federation will be discussed. All the Clubs in Alabama have been notified that this question is to be brought up for action at this time, and it is to be hoped that the Alabama State Federation will decide to join her sister State Federations and be represented at the St. Paul biennial. There are 44 Clubs in the Alabama State Federation. Mrs. Rhett Goode, Mobile, is President, and the General Federation Committee is Mrs. Martha Willoughby, New Decatur; Mrs. Thomas Owen, Montgomery; and Mrs. Edmond Taliaferro, Birmingham.

THE TEXAS STATE FEDERATION will hold its annual meeting in Austin, November 21-24. Its Board has extended an invitation to the Board of Directors of the General Federation to be present at this meeting, and as a Board to have charge of one of the evening sessions. This date is a little early for the meeting of the General Federation Board, but Mrs. Decker has this invitation under consideration.

THE MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT CLUB of Clifton Forge, Va., Mrs. Mary A. Staley, president, was admitted to the General Federation June 9th, 1905. This is the first Club in Virginia to be enrolled on the list of the General Federation, and it will for the first time entitle an organization of Virginia women to representation at a Biennial. The General Federation Committee, Mrs. Berryman Green, Danville; Mrs. W. R. McKenney, Petersburg, and Mrs. B. B. Munford, Richmond, are working for the organization of a State Federation in Virginia, and their efforts are meeting with great encouragement. Club women in the South await the consummation of their plan with greatest interest and wish them a speedy State organization.

"Your editorial on 'props' in the April *Keystone* is alone worth the price of the paper for a year. I enclose my check and ask you to place my name upon your list of subscribers. * * *

Sincerely yours,

(MRS. A. J.) FLORA E. S. BARKLEY.

Boone, Iowa.

Member Reciprocity Committee G. F. W. C.

The June *Keystone* was the best I have ever read.

Cordially yours,

—M. P. GRIDLEY.

Greenville, S. C. Chairman Travelling Library Dept. S. C., F. W. C.

Those who have found the Summer vacation problem a difficult one, from the standpoint of economy, will find some practical suggestions in the chapter on "Co-operative Housekeeping at the Seashore," by Isabel Gordon Curtis, in the August *Delinicator*. Other features of the magazine, which appeal particularly during hot weather, are "Cold Tit-Bits for Hot Days," pictured and described, and a variety of seasonable recipes in cookery under the title, "A dozen Fresh Fruit Pies," "Tartlets," and "Iced Deliciousness." Summer fashions and reading complete the number, which is unusually interesting and attractive.

Life's Problem.

HULDA LEIGH, CHARLESTON, S. C.

[Written for *The Keystone*.]

Seated with her hands just folded,
Looking out, as though afar,
Thoughts were wandering into dreamland...
With no bolts to latch or bar.
Sunlight gives her hair a halo,
Glowing chestnut, rich and rare;
And her eyes, sweet violets' shadow,
Darkly sweet as she is fair.
She is thinking, earnest planning
What her life, and what its hues—
For her schooldays are now over
And her days are her's to choose.
Teachers, lessons, now are done with,
And her time is all her own;
She will choose some higher object
Better far than she has known.
Merry girls have told her, quickly
Will the days and months go by,
If she joins them in their frolics
Balls at night and pleasures high.
How the youths are full conceited
And how she her role must take
'Till they all bend low before her,
With sure victories, for her sake,
But half-doubting, she looked at them,
Did they really mean it all—
Was this all their bright existence
As though life were but a ball!
When her thoughts turn to ambition
Should she strive to gain a name
In the world with talents shining,
Self-love prompts this too the same!
Pleasure but ambition rivals,
Striving each with hollow smile
To win youth into her mansion,
Where oft joy is selfish guile.
Either, saith she, could but bring one
Care and labor, vainly spent—
And my books have often taught me,
Life is short and only lent—
Turning then she saw a sister
Gathering sad ones in distress,
And bethought—here's one who never
Strove to do aught but to bless.
Now I've solved the vexed problem
And I know my answer true—
If one's life is worth the living,
Live as He would have one do.
Live as though each day were holy,
Helping, loving, blessing all—
Make each one acquaint with you
Feel that God is over all!

June, 1905.

Reciprocity Between Clubs; Its Growth and Possibilities.

[Read at Jackson, Miss., April, 1905.]

MADAME President, Members of the Mississippi Federation: When, some weeks since, the President of the Twentieth Century Club announced that the club had been selected to prepare a paper on this subject, it is safe to say it was almost unknown ground. A few lines of inquiry sent in various directions, and what surprising results! What proofs that the Reciprocity idea not only exists but that it is a rich source of supply and helpfulness springing everywhere, pouring its streams from Maine, from Florida, from New Jersey, from Wyoming, from South Carolina, from North Dakota, from Connecticut, from Colorado.

There can be no question that, as Miss Mary Poppenheim says, "the Reciprocity idea in club work is nothing more than the club spirit on a broader scale," and from the same helpful editor of the *Keystone* has been gained the following

account of the beginning of the idea in our General Federation: "At the Philadelphia Biennial in 1894 a paper on Reciprocity was read. At that time there were no State Federations, membership in the General Federation being held by individual clubs directly. Naturally this heterogeneous mass of crude material had very little intercourse, but the then President of the General Federation was a firm believer in the value of State Federations, and she at once seized upon the Reciprocity idea as a means of developing a higher class of club affiliation. She named a Reciprocity Committee in the General Federation and at once the idea spread until to-day there are thirty-two States with Reciprocity Committees and bureaus. At the Los Angeles Biennial in 1902 a conference of the heads of these departments was called, the first in the history of the Federation." Miss Poppenheim says further that it may be gratifying to her fellow-women of South Carolina to know that they were represented at that conference and that their methods were commended as being pre-eminently practical and satisfactory. Surely, we of Mississippi are gratified that this was so. The point brought out was, again to quote Miss Poppenheim, that the Reciprocity idea in the club, then in the State Federation, and finally in the General Federation, was a system by which the best practical results could be secured.

In order to give you a clearer idea of the methods of this department in South Carolina, the following quotation is made from the report of the Reciprocity Bureau to the State Convention, June, 1904: "During the past year we have published in your official organ, *The Keystone*, a call to each club, requesting it to appoint a Reciprocity Committee whose duty it should be to arrange for a Reciprocity Day on the club's program, at which time matters pertaining to the working of the General Federation, the State Federation in all its departments, and City Federations generally might be discussed. Also all matters pertaining to the development of the Club idea and the Ideal Club. We also requested each club to send us for filing in our Reciprocity Bureau for exchange among clubs on receipt of postage, two copies of its year book and program and one or more representative club papers which might be interesting or helpful to the club women of South Carolina. This request was sent as a personal letter to each club president whose name is in the Year Book." The report shows an encouraging number of responses to this appeal. Under date of April 6th Miss Poppenheim writes that she is now preparing her Bureau's report for 1905, and that it shows a great advance over the previous one in clubs using the Bureau and in year books filed. Besides, many clubs have celebrated Reciprocity Day with marked success. To use her own words: "I am very much encouraged with the work in South Carolina; the women are beginning to know what it means and how to use it for the benefit of their clubs."

The President of the Colorado State Federation writes that the Reciprocity Bureau is one of their "most valued departments of work." "In addition to assistance rendered clubs in our own State," Mrs. Churchill writes, "papers were loaned members from other States—from Massachusetts to Florida." The spirit of Reciprocity is kept alive by union meetings of different clubs, and as the President poetically expresses it, one guest came from the "far western slope of our State, three hundred miles away" to the union meeting at Longmont, and told of several small clubs which she had gathered into a federation "on that far steep." At these union meetings the chairman of various committees give

talks on their special subjects, Domestic Science, Programs, Reciprocity Bureau, etc., and altogether, as Mrs. Churchill says, "Colorado is very much alive to the splendid possibilities of Reciprocity between clubs." The chairman of the Reciprocity Bureau of Colorado reports that work in her department has gained steadily, the calls for assistance for 1903-4 being about equal to the total number of calls for the preceding three years. Mrs. Ragan, the chairman, recommends that "each federated club choose a vital problem or question and gather material on that one subject for at least one year, thus helping to make the Bureau more truly what some bright woman has so aptly termed it: "The Get and Give Department of the Federation." Before turning from the methods of that "far western State," to consider those of one many miles away, it should be mentioned that its Reciprocity Bureau contained when the Year Book for 1904-5 was issued, about one hundred and fifty excellent papers to be loaned, embracing many subjects, Social Science, Home and Education, History and Biography, Literature, Art and Music. A fee of ten cents to cover postage is the modest charge.

The Reciprocity Bureau of New Jersey, the chairman writes, contains about one hundred papers. These are sent to different clubs upon request, the author of the paper appearing when desired, her traveling expenses being defrayed by the inviting club. Mrs. Dodd adds that the chairman of each of their State committees is a specialist in her line and able to speak before any audience. The clubs of New Jersey, as she suggests, have a decided advantage from the fact that the entire State can be traversed by rail in about one hour and a half, so that it is an easy matter for the musicians, art lecturers, etc., to be secured. Mrs. Briscoe, President of the Connecticut Federation, writes that the idea receives hearty cultivation in that State, and Miss Pinneo, the General Federation Secretary for Connecticut, issued one of the first publications upon the subject. She says that their "Bureau of Exchange" has been used extensively, the one chief difficulty being that "so many amateurs have graduated into professionals because of the list that comparatively few are left who will exchange papers or read them for expenses." Miss Pinneo is herself a professional, but that she finds the Reciprocity idea useful is shown by her statement that she is now awaiting the receipt of a paper on Mexico for which she sent to Wisconsin. Her suggestion is for a club to agree upon a certain paper on the list, send for it some weeks before the meeting at which it is to be used, all the members meanwhile to "read up" on the subject, and at the appointed time have the paper read, the reading to be followed by a general discussion of the subject. This is a good illustration of the Connecticut State Federation motto, "We are not known so much by what we keep as by what we share."

Miss Clara B. Adams, chairman of the Massachusetts Reciprocity Bureau, makes this sound comment, "Not only does the exchange of papers check a needless waste of the material gathered through months of careful research, or given from a knowledge or experience that has had years of training, but there goes from club to club the atmosphere that means so much to the work, and especially for the isolated clubs." Miss Adams has had so much practical experience that her opinions on this subject are valuable. To quote a little further from her letter "Our professional lecturers have not feared the rise and progress of the Reciprocity Idea, when well informed as to its work. Many

have aided us, not in giving without charge to one club a lecture for which other clubs are expected to pay, but by giving brief talks, that far from hurting the demands for their lectures, have increased it, although their thoughts were not for self but simply to help inaugurate the work."

The President of the Illinois Federation, Mrs. Frake, says: "The subject of Reciprocity among or between States should interest us all. If our Federation means anything it should be the agent to promote just that. Provincialism should be tabooed if we are to grow, and if we do not grow there is no excuse for the existence of our clubs."

The Iowa President, Mrs. Fletcher, reports that the Reciprocity Bureau in that State is a success. The Year Book for 1904-5 shows 172 papers to be loaned, covering a wide range of subjects.

In Minnesota the idea is found most helpful, especially to clubs where library facilities are limited, and many Mississippi clubs can sympathize in this limitation with those of distant Minnesota. The Bureau in that State, Mrs. Allen writes, has many papers on History, Literature, etc., envelopes of clippings on many subjects, a supply of year books to loan to clubs wishing aid in preparing programs; in addition an exhibit of year books is made at the annual State Fair. This Bureau of Reciprocity is in charge of a chairman and six members, besides one to look after each of the following departments: Exchange of Programs, Reports, Exchange of Manuscripts, Clippings, Compilation of Extracts, Exhibits, Lectures and Encouragement of Minnesota Literature.

In Missouri there is "a very general interchange of programs among the clubs of the State, as well as of circulars of mutual interest. The main thing is the invitation for special Reciprocity Days. For these the clubs sometimes have a speaker on a special subject, or a musical program, or the different clubs send their several representatives to speak on a chosen subject. The social hour following the program, Mrs. Moore says, is also a source of enjoyment.

In North Dakota and in Nebraska the Reciprocity Idea is heartily encouraged. From Wyoming comes a cordial message from the Federation President, Mrs. Shiek. She says her wish for such an exchange among clubs in the State and among the States themselves is not yet realized as regards Wyoming, but they are going to try again this fall, and every year that she has any influence, until they have a good Reciprocity Committee.

In Rhode Island as in West Virginia the idea is yet in its infancy. Mrs. Allen, of the latter State, says they have selected two of the best papers from each club to be used as reciprocity papers, and adds that they are trying to evolve club spirit to such an extent that whatever project is undertaken along federated lines by any club all other clubs will rally around it. Rhode Island also is cultivating the idea. The New York Reciprocity list shows about fifty papers on subjects of interest. Mrs. Fowler of Arizona writes that they are trying in that State to stimulate enthusiasm by earnest representation at the annual meetings, by an "urgent word" now and then in the President's correspondence, and by including the Reciprocity Table of Contents in the State Year Book, the first of which is now being issued. There are only twelve clubs in the Arizona Federation, but with such an energetic President there can be little doubt of the ultimate success of the idea. Mrs. Foster, Chairman of the Reciprocity Bureau of the State of Washington, writes that

they have seventy-nine clubs in the Federation and all take an active interest in Reciprocity work, and the list of papers sent shows along what delightful and what vital lines this activity is directed. Of the social side Mrs. Foster says: "Reciprocity Day, at which time most of the clubs entertain one or more neighboring clubs, is one of the most enjoyable of the entire year." The very essence of Reciprocity is included in this sentence from her letter: "There seems to be a very generous and willing spirit among all club members here in the West to assist other clubs with both time and money in any undertaking for the advancement of any good cause." In the Indian Territory and in Oklahoma the Reciprocity idea is heartily endorsed. Mrs. Scott writes that they are trying to make this one of their strongest departments, as an important branch of club work and life, especially where there are towns without libraries and where reference books are not numerous. The papers are in constant circulation and in several instances they have had calls from without their own boundaries. In particular the papers treating of child study are called for often, and next in popularity Mrs. Scott mentions papers relating to the modern novel. Mrs. Conlan writing from Atoka, Indian Territory, says: "We certainly believe in Reciprocity in our Territory, and we have a Reciprocity Bureau. All the clubs send their best papers, also club calendars."

Mrs. Susan E. Clark writes that Vermont is slowly increasing its interest in this department; several clubs have observed Reciprocity Days, and Miss Clark calls attention to the fact that one of the federated clubs had as its guest one that was not in the Federation of the States. Calls for Reciprocity papers of Vermont have been made from as far west as Colorado. Mrs. Sawyer of Wisconsin, believes that many, if not most of the clubs, there take an interest in the idea. She thinks, however, that it is the Bureau of Information of the General Federation that will do most to broaden the field of Reciprocity and strengthen the bond between the General and State organizations."

Reciprocity is truly a flourishing industry in Kansas. Mrs. Aplington reports one hundred papers in her Bureau, and says that during the months when clubs are in session she sends out four or five papers a week. Her advice is for each club to use a reciprocity paper once a year, and at other times to fill an unavoidable vacancy. She has many calls for loans of year books and for suggested programs. That the industry extends beyond the State borders is attested by the fact that she has sent papers to Idaho, Maine, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Ohio, Florida and California. Mrs. Mummert, of Indiana, writes that in her federation the plan has been adopted of dividing the State into three districts, and combining Reciprocity with Press work, and in this way it is expected to stimulate exchange of work and ideas among clubs. Mrs. Wood, of New Hampshire, recommends the exchange of papers among clubs in neighborhoods. In this she refers to carrying out the idea in a limited sense. Mrs. Wood's connection with Reciprocity in its broadest meaning is already well known to you.

Coming nearer home, here is the stirring message from Texas sent by Mrs. Bixler, chairman of the Reciprocity Committee: "We make out special day programs, maintain a bureau for the exchange of year books and good club papers." Besides this Mrs. Bixler collects magazine articles, which she binds together for convenience, and these with other clippings already form a valuable loan collection

in a department but recently established, containing about 250 articles on Art, History, Literature, etc. This Reciprocity chairman does not wait to be asked for information, but in her study of the various year books when she notices a subject on which information may be difficult to procure, she proffers the help. This is Reciprocity of the most liberal kind. Attention should be called to the following from the Texas Reciprocity Committee's record: "The report states with pride that the most popular subjects sought are Texas History and Southern writers." That this Bureau is a success is evident from the figures taken from the State Year Book for 1904-5: "One hundred and twenty-seven special programs furnished to clubs, 88 papers ready for exchange, 236 year books sent out, and 147 on file for distribution, together with 511 letters written."

Tennessee has a bureau for exchange of papers; Maryland has one. The North Carolina system is a good one; each club selects by vote some paper of a member which is forwarded to the State Reciprocity chairman, her committee examine and vote upon the papers submitted and the two receiving the largest number of votes are read at the State Convention during Reciprocity Hour. This system you will readily see could be extended to apply to reciprocity days of individual clubs. That South Carolina marches far to the front has already been said.

From Georgia comes the message that the President, Mrs. Jackson, is interested in the idea and proposes to appoint a chairman to take up the work. Florida has a bureau with about 80 papers, Mrs. Adams writes. The Arkansas plan is very similar to that of North Carolina, and Mrs. Dale writes that the establishment of a Reciprocity Library is contemplated. The District of Columbia is just beginning this branch of club work, and the same is true of Alabama.

It is hoped that this paper which is literally a record of testimony received from club women in every part of the country may prove to you the reality; the readiness of the Reciprocity Idea, as it exists to-day, and also its possibilities—the widest extension of the original idea of the individual club—"each member giving her best for the good of all the members, receiving in return the total of the best of all the others."

MRS. J. HUNT COOK.

Jackson, Miss.

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Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. V. F. McSherry, Martinsburg, West Virginia.

(UP-TO-DATE NOTES.)

FLORIDA NOTES.—On Tuesday, June 6th, from 5 to 7 o'clock, a brilliant assembly gathered at Mrs. E. G. Weed's handsome home on Riverside Avenue, Jacksonville, Fla., to meet Mrs. Augustine T. Smythe, of Charleston, S. C., President of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Illness in the family of Mrs. Rounsaville, of Georgia, prevented her from being present, much to the regret of those at the reception.

Mrs. Weed received her guests in the southeast drawing room. Besides her stood the distinguished visitor, Mrs. Smythe, a typical Southern woman of gentle dignity and womanly graciousness, a worthy leader for the noble women of the U. D. C. Several visitors from the neighbor-

ing State Chapters were present. Among the dames of honor were Mrs. Tench, of Gainesville, Mrs. Mary Drysdale, and Mrs. Cook, Pres. Martha Reid Chapter, Jacksonville. Miss Margaret Weed, with her charming Southern welcome, made the guests at home, as she, with her assistants, Miss Twiggs, Miss Emily Holmes, Miss Gertrude Weed, Miss Elizabeth Fleming, Miss Annie Cadwallader Cole and others saw to the serving of choice and dainty refreshments.

Exquisite flowers, palms and other decorations of red, white and red, made the scene one long to be remembered.

THE TENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION of the Florida Division U. D. C. in Pensacola, May 3rd, was one of the most successful of the Florida meetings. A new and enjoyable feature of the program was the Historical Evening of May 4th, when personal experiences, original poems and the State Division Medal Essay on Jefferson Davis, written by Gary Alexander, a student of the University of Florida, were read. The Florida Division selected Sept. 27, Anniversary of the Battle of Marianna as their extra day for the bestowal of the Crosses of Honor. There was no election this year as all the officers' terms hol dover for another year. The delegates enjoyed many social pleasures, among which were a reception at the Osceola Club, one at the Country Club, given by Mrs. L. Hilton-Green, and an excursion on the Bay.

THE HISTORICAL and Text book Committee of the North Carolina Division U. D. C. through its Chairman, Mrs. Helen DeB. Wills, of Raleigh, has just issued, June 1st, a circular urging upon her State Chapters the necessity of keeping up this work—Text Book Interest. This circular shows that the North Carolina U. D. C.'s are alive to the importance of true history for Southern children.

In a letter to the *Keystone*, Mrs. Wills adds the following:

"I take another page in order to express my interest in your notice of the Chapter U. D. C. in *Mexico*. What a strong bond of friendship is this tie of patriotism! By means of it we are all *sisters* in this beautiful work for the benefit of posterity, who will profit by it when we are no more!

FROM ARKANSAS DIVISION U. D. C. we hear: "I send you a paper with accounts of our unveiling ceremonies. (The Defense of the Flag). You see those precious returned battle flags were given into the keeping of the U. D. C. (Arkansas) on that occasion; Senator Berry, who left one leg on the battlefield, making the presentation speech. The monument is ideal; far more beautiful than the picture. The bronze figures are perfect and show beautifully by contrast with the pale buff of the stone of the shaft and pedestal."

M. H. H.

DAUGHTERS of the Confederacy will be interested to know that Mrs. James A. Rounsaville, of Rome, Georgia, is doing splendid work as State Regent of the Georgia D. A. R.

DAUGHTERS of the Confederacy everywhere will be glad to learn that the "Forrest Monument" was unveiled on May 16th at Memphis, Tennessee. This undertaking has always had the interest and sympathy of the U. D. C.

"Dixie."

Words written by Mrs. James Mercer Garnett, Baltimore, Md., the Chairman of U. D. C. History Committee, and dedicated to "Our Confederate Veterans."

I wish I was in the Land of Cotton,
Old times there are not forgotten,
Away, away, away in Dixie,
Dear Dixie Land, how we do love thee,
With the blue sky bright above thee,
Away, away, away in Dixie.

CHORUS.

Oh, I wish I was in Dixie,
Hooray! Hooray!
In Dixie Land I'll take my stand,
And live and die in Dixie,
Away, away, away down South in Dixie,
Away, away, away down South in Dixie
Nations fall, but do not perish,
With the heroes that we cherish,
Away, away, away in Dixie.
We have quaffed our cup of sorrow,
Brighter days come with the morrow,

Away, away, away in Dixie. CHORUS.

Dixie Land is a land of beauty,
With noble men who ne'er shirked their duty
Away, away, away in Dixie.
They laid their lives on Country's Altar,
With ne'er a plaint and ne'er a falter.

Away, away, away in Dixie. CHORUS.

From their homes and hearts and altars
Back they hurled their proud assaulters,
Away, away, away in Dixie.
With Lee and Jackson crowned with glory,
Let our children tell their story.

Away, away, away in Dixie. CHORUS.

On the battlefield so weary,
Sick and wounded, ah! how dreary,
Away, away, away in Dixie.
Vigils sad, lo! some are keeping,
Others near are calmly sleeping

Away, away, away in Dixie. CHORUS.

Let their triumphs down the Ages
Be inscribed on history's pages,
Away, away, away in Dixie.
And the flag that never faltered
Be enshrined in hearts unaltered.

Away, away, away in Dixie. CHORUS.

THE GEORGIA DIVISION U. D. C. will hold its annual convention at Macon, Ga., the second week in October.

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TO the Daughters of the Confederacy, S. C. Division: The time draws near for our preparations for our general meeting in California on October 2nd. It will mean energy and activity to marshal our forces. Each Chapter must select their full quota of delegates, whether they can attend or not, and let us have a large vote by proxy. The Chairman of the S. C. delegation can be made in all cases a good and sure proxy. Should I be unable to attend in person one of our efficient vice-presidents will have the welfare of the S. C. Division at heart and attend to all business matters.

We are pushing steadily ahead in our noble work. Two new and energetic Chapters have been formed recently and are in working order. One in Horry County at Conway, the other at Chesterfield. Both have a large number of charter members. Two other Chapters are in progress and have applied for charter blanks.

The Chapters of the Children of the Confederacy are a little slow in forming, yet as this is a new branch of our work and although thoroughly mapped out by our efficient committee in the work, "our laymen," so to speak, are perhaps a little over-careful in forming these Chapters. A little later we will have fuller reports from our Committees on all work and we trust that we shall have a creditable report to send to the far West of the activity that prevails in these United Southern States.

Our own State Division will meet in the progressive little city of Johnston in December, and during our restful summer vacation we must all be planning to make this a memorable occasion with our kind and hospitable hosts who have extended so graciously such a cordial invitation to our Division, and which we are all anticipating with so much pleasure.

Faithfully yours,

HARRIET S. BURNET,
President S. C. Division U. D. C.

THE CHAIRMAN of the Historical Committee of the S. C. Division U. D. C., Miss Mary Poppenheim, and the first member of the Committee, Mrs. P. H. Mell, attended the annual meeting of the S. C. State Teachers Association at Clemson College, S. C., June 29th, 30th. The Chairman made a plea before the Association for the individual teachers' co-operation with the U. D. C. in their efforts for the encouragement and development of the study of local history in our State. These ladies in the interest of the History Committee in South Carolina also visited the summer school then in session at Clemson, and received much encouragement as a result of a conference with the Professor in charge of the History Department of the summer school. This opportunity for conference with the teachers of the State was appreciated by this Committee, who realize the value of the co-operation of the teacher in the interest of their work.

The Value of a Visiting Nurse.

SCIENTIFIC methods are being employed now-a-days in duce more satisfactory results than in the visiting all philanthropies and in no case do these methods pro-nurse work in towns and cities.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society of Charleston, S. C., held its ninety-second semi-annual meeting on June 22nd, and as one of the oldest undenominational philanthropic organizations of women in the country, its work, the management of a visiting trained nurse for the sick poor, is a most interesting study. After ninety years of visiting in the homes of the sick poor by its members two years ago it engaged the services of a graduate nurse and the comfort and relief this plan has brought to many sick poor has justified the action of the Association. From reports of Standing Committees at this meeting we learn that in the past six months this nurse has made 626 visits, sixty-seven persons have been assisted, 176 articles of clothing, etc., have been used, 174 packages of nourishment, 93 bandages and 63 miscellaneous articles have been distributed to the sick. The Society has expended \$335 in its work, and has received contributions for its work through special collections on "Visiting Nurse Sunday" from the First and Second Presbyterian Churches, St. Luke's and St. Michaels (Episcopal), Beth Elohim (Hebrew), St. Mary's (Roman Catholic). The Huguenot and the Unitarian Churches, besides donations from Church societies, such as Grace (Episcopal) Church Relief Society, Ladies' St. John's Lutheran Church Society, St. Philip's (Episcopal) Mission Society, Ladies' Citadel Square Baptist Church, Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent, Happy Workers Society (Hebrew), Silver Cross, "Who is my neighbor, Be not weary, Golden Rule and Faithful unto the End" Circles of King's Daughters, the Ice Mission and the Fuel Society. It will be seen from the above that the work is a co-operative work, representing the city in its breadth of sympathy. Contributions to its Loan and Supply Closet come in steadily, and as steadily flow out to the relief of the sick and suffering. At the semi-annual meeting an amendment to the Constitution was passed, enlarging the Board of Managers from twelve to sixteen, and notice was given that at the annual meeting in January an amendment would be voted on to provide for "In Memoriam Memberships," and a special membership known as "Liberal Patrons," thus providing for additions to the permanent funds of the Association that might be made in memory of friends and kindred. The Society now number 135, having lost 7 by death since the annual meeting in January. The annual dues are from one to five dollars. The patience, care and loving sympathy for suffering humanity which have held this noble band of Charleston women together in good works for the past ninety-two years bids fair to continue far into the future and is one of many examples of woman's faithful service in behalf of the sick and poor—those weaker ones in the great world family here below.

Book Reviews.

HOPE DEFERRED, by Kate Buice Myers, is an old-fashioned novel of love and jealousy, crime and retribution. The scene is laid in Louisiana and semi-rural Southern life is drawn with quite a degree of accuracy. The portrayal of the character of Louise, the disappointed heroine, is rather hysterical, but the relation between the negro servants and their masters is shown with a clearness that denotes familiarity with the subject. There are seven illustrations by Hudson, and the book is neatly bound in blue and gilt.
(Cloth, 413 pp. Broadway Publishing Co., 835 Broadway, N. Y.)

SOME NEGLECTED HISTORY OF NORTH CAROLINA, by

Dr. William Edwards Fitch, the author of the Fitch genealogy in America and England, and editor of *Southern Medicine*, Savannah, Georgia, is an account of the pre-revolutionary struggles in North Carolina, showing clearly the brave and sturdy character of the celebrated "Regulators" of that State. It also gives some interesting facts, maps and pictures in connection with the Battle of Alamance, now being generally recognized by the modern student of history as the first battle of the American revolution. This book is another of the many testimonials in book form of the revival of interest in the study of local history in North Carolina. The maps and illustrations are most helpful in connection with the text, and there is much valuable material in this volume collected from original sources. Dr. Fitch has done a splendid service to "the old North State" in preserving in such excellent form so much historical material pertaining to a period which up to a very recent date was an unexplored country to the general historical student.

(Cloth, 307 pp. The Neale Publishing Co., New York & Washington.)

THE GRIFFINS—A COLONIAL TALE, by Mary Stuart Young,

of Savannah, Georgia, is an historical romance dedicated to the Colonial Dames of America. Mrs. Young has drawn a charming picture of Colonial life in Virginia, and has connected life in the old and new world in the 18th Century most artistically and attractively through the love affairs of two young Virginians at College in the Mother Country. The story is brought down to the Revolutionary period. Many historical characters are introduced, and the reader will be rewarded by many details of social and domestic conditions in the Old Dominion during the Eighteenth Century. The style is graceful and easy, and Mrs. Young has given the public a book which is an addition to the Colonial romances of the day.

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"AN OLD MAN'S IDYL," by Wolcott Johnson, is a very simple story of the happiness of married life, told in a series of letters written by a man who marries late in life. He describes his pleasures in every day home life with his wife and two dear little girls, and later on goes back to his honey-moon in Europe and the episodes of his later married life after the children have grown up. This little book may be called the reveries of a married old bachelor, and will appeal strongly to mothers and fathers.

(Cloth, 1.00. A. C. McClurg & Co., Chicago, Ill.)

"SOUTHERN WRITERS," selections in prose and verse by W.

P. Trent is a valuable and interesting collection, which may be used as supplementary reading for American history or literature. Mr. Trent has realized his task in presenting selections from Southern writers, and in his preface states his difficulty in selection, although the present volume has 524 pages. The work is divided into three periods:—Colonial and Revolutionary Period, 1607-1789; the Constitutional Period, 1789-1865, with a subdivision, Poets of the *War between the States*; (although Mr. Trent erroneously calls this period the *Civil War*;) Modern Times, 1866-1904, with a subdivision, Latter Day Poets. Greater space is given to the Revolutionary Period and to the Poets. The matter is well classified, clearly indexed, and besides the selections from the works of these writers, short biographies of the authors and full foot notes are given. Mr. Trent pays special tribute to *Poe* and *Timrod*, and includes in his list of South Carolinians, Henry Laurens, Mrs. Eliza Wilkinson, Washington Allston, John C. Calhoun, Robert Y. Hayne, Hugh Swinton Legare, William Gilmore Sims, William Henry Trescot, Paul Hamilton Hayne, Carlyle McKinley, George Herbert Sass, William Hamilton Hayne, and Yates Snowden.

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"ON TYBEE KNOLL," by James B. Connolly, is a dramatic story of the Georgia coast. The story is full of action and adventure, being a tale of the fight of men who make clear the way for ships. The incidents in camp, on land, afloat and on tugs, are always picturesque and there is always the excitement of a fight. This is the kind of book that boys will read with real pleasure, thoroughly enjoying the descriptions of outdoor life and the exploits of the daring young hero. "*On Tybee Knoll*" is light, easy summer reading.

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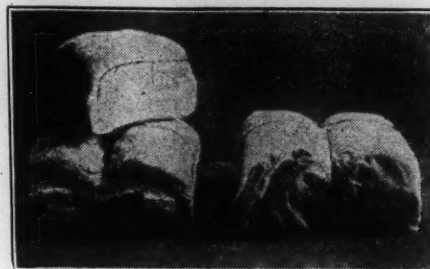
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